**Teen who impersonated police charged as adult in gun crime**

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The South Side teenager who made national headlines for impersonating a Chicago Police officer and patrolling the streets as a 14-year-old is in trouble with the law again.

Two years ago, Vincent Richardson sauntered into the Grand Crossing District station in a uniform, duping cops in an embarrassing stunt that led to disciplinary action in the department.

Now 17, he has been charged as an adult with felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, police said.

He was arrested on May 10 after admitting to police that a semi-automatic handgun found in the 5600 block of South Throop belonged to him when officers performing a protective pat down found a magazine loaded with ammunition on him, police said.

Richardson was being held in Cook County Jail in lieu of $50,000 bail.

**Police: Kindergartner caught distributing heroin at school**

7-year-old boy had 18 bags of the drug, handed them out to friends

Reuters, May 19, 2011

PITTSBURGH - A kindergarten student in western Pennsylvania brought bags of heroin to school and handed them out to friends, said authorities, who on Thursday asked parents to search their children's belongings for the drug.

The 7-year-old boy at a primary school in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Carrick told detectives he gave bags of the drug to three friends over the past few days, police said in a statement released late Wednesday. He called the bags the "magic ticket" because they were stamped with an image of a rabbit emerging from a magic hat, police said.

A teacher discovered the heroin and alerted the principal, who found 18 bags of the drug in the boy's locker and backpack, according to police. Police searched the school with a dog on Wednesday but found no further sign of the drug.

**Calif. teen arrested for explosives in bedroom**

Probation search yielded two pipe bombs in 16-year-old's room

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SANTA MONICA, Calif. - A Santa Monica teenager has been arrested after police found explosives in an apartment.

Police Sgt. Rich Lewis says the explosives, similar to pipe bombs, were discovered at about 7 p.m. Wednesday when officers arrived to conduct a probation search at the 16-year-old boy's apartment. Details about the probation search haven't been disclosed.

City News Service says residents were ordered out of the 12th Street apartment building for about five hours while investigators removed the explosives and detonated them in the yard.

The teenager was arrested. No other information is available.

**Cops nab boy, 17, who shot man in the head**

Within hours, the teen was captured during a routine car stop in North Philadelphia

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By Stephanie Farr  The Philadelphia Daily News   PHILADELPHIA -- A 17-year-old boy shot a man in the head during a daylight robbery Saturday on the steps of SEPTA's Broad Street line, police said. Miraculously, the victim survived.

Within hours, the teen was captured during a routine car stop in North Philadelphia, according to police.

About 3:24 p.m. Saturday, the 22-year-old victim was descending the subway stairs at the Susquehanna-Dauphin station, at Broad Street near Susquehanna Avenue, in North Philadelphia, when he was approached by the teen, who pointed a revolver at him and demanded his belongings, police said.

The two got into a tussle, during which the victim was struck several times on the back of the head with the gun before the assailant fired the weapon and hit the victim in the back of the head, police said.

It's unclear whether the victim suffered a graze wound or a deeper injury, but he was able to speak with responding officers at the scene and identify his attacker, police said. Yesterday, he was listed in stable condition at Temple University Hospital.

Meanwhile, the teen shooter ran away, police said. Sometime early yesterday, that teen was a passenger in a car that was pulled over by police on 17th Street near Diamond in North Philadelphia, police said.

He was taken into custody, but his identity was not released because of his age. The teen is expected to be charged with robbery, aggravated assault and related offenses.

**Colo. cops pepper-spray angry 8-year-old boy**

The boy threw a violent tantrum at his elementary school and tried to stab officers with a piece of wooden wall trim

Associated Press, April 6, 2011

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — The mother of an 8-year-old boy pepper-sprayed by suburban Denver police as he threw a violent tantrum at his elementary school said Wednesday that she wishes authorities had chosen to talk him down instead.

Police in Lakewood say they pepper-sprayed 8-year-old Aidan Elliott twice Feb. 22 at Glennon Heights Elementary School after he refused to drop a piece of wooden wall trim that he was trying to stab them with.

"I wanted to make something sharp, like if they came out, 'cause i was so mad at them," the boy said on NBC's "Today" show. "I was going to try to whack them with it."

His mother, Mandy, said she wants police in Lakewood to get special training in dealing with children. She said her son has a history of behavioral problems and has responded to rationalization in previous outbursts.

"I don't think a child should get pepper sprayed," the woman said.

Asked on ABC's "Good Morning America" whether he meant it when he told police he wanted to kill them, the boy responded: "A little."

Police say pepper-spraying the boy was the safest option.

"I kind of deserved it," Aidan conceded to "Today."